Prime Minister Visit to Tokyo

179. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prme Minister accompanied by a high level Indian Delegation paid his first official visit to Tokyo recently and held discussions with Japanese Prime Minister and other businessmen and Idustralists of that coutry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India and Japan have expressed same views on nuclear proliferation and whether Japanese interest in India has now increased as a result of our new economic liberalisatioon measures; and

(c) if so, in what fields Japanese big giants -FUJITSU, MITSUBISHI and SUZUKI have romised to invest in India during 1992-93 and the Eighth Plan period indicating the likely financial and information support to India's trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The Prime Minister, Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao visited Japan from 22-26 June, 1992 on an official state visit, at the invitation of the Japanese government. Besides meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa, the Prime Minister has an audience with the Emperor of Japan and also met with the Japanese Finanec Minister and the Minister for International Trade and Industry (MITI). He also addressed over 200 Chief Executive Officers of major Japanese companiies besides meeting a number of them individually. The issues discussed covered a wide range of bilateral and international issues ofmutual nterest, including our new ecoomic policies.

(b) While India and Japan share a common commitment to the elimination of nuclear weaons. Japan is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty (NPT) and advocates universal adherence to it. India, on the other hand, has not signesed the NPT as it is discrimiatory between nuclear weapon states and others.

There is increased Japanese interest in India as a result of our new economic liberalisation measures.

(c) The Japanese industrial giants, Fijitsu, Mitsubishi and Suzuki already have investments in India in a number of sectors including automobiles, telecommunications and electronics. While it is not possible to quantify the quantum of proposed investment by these corporations in India nor their likely support to India's trade it this stage, Mitsubishi is proposing to set up a joint venture in the petrochemical sector and Suzuki is proposing further investment in the automoblie sector.

Creation of Permanent Armed Force of U. N.

180 SHRI YASWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary General of the UN has recently put forth a proposal for creation of a permanent armed force of the U.N. to be deployed under the authority of the World body to deter agression; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The proposal, together with the other proposals contained in the Secretary General's report entitled "An Agenda for Peace" is being studied by the Government.